

**House File 2062 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act exempting specified real property owners from electrical  
2 and plumbing licensure requirements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 103.22, subsection 7, Code 2018, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. Prohibit an owner of real property from performing  
4 work on the owner's ~~principal residence~~ real property, if  
5 such ~~residence~~ property is an existing dwelling rather than  
6 new construction and is not an apartment that is attached to  
7 any other apartment or building, as those terms are defined  
8 in section 499B.2, and is not larger than a single-family  
9 dwelling, or require such owner to be licensed under this  
10 chapter. ~~In order to qualify for inapplicability pursuant to~~  
11 ~~this subsection, a residence shall qualify for the homestead~~  
12 ~~tax exemption.~~

13 Sec. 2. Section 105.11, subsection 3, Code 2018, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 3. Prohibit an owner of real property from performing  
16 work on the owner's ~~principal residence~~ real property, if  
17 such ~~residence~~ property is an existing dwelling rather than  
18 new construction and is not larger than a single-family  
19 dwelling, or farm property, excluding commercial or industrial  
20 installations or installations in public use buildings or  
21 facilities, or require such owner to be licensed under this  
22 chapter. ~~In order to qualify for inapplicability pursuant to~~  
23 ~~this subsection, a residence shall qualify for the homestead~~  
24 ~~tax exemption.~~

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to property owners' rights with respect to  
29 certain work performed on an owner's real property.

30 Current law exempts a property owner from the electrician  
31 and electrical contractor licensure requirements of Code  
32 chapter 103 for performing work concerning electrical  
33 installations on the owner's principal residence, under  
34 specified circumstances. Current law also exempts a property  
35 owner from the plumber, mechanical professional, and contractor

1 licensing requirements of Code chapter 105 for performing work  
2 concerning plumbing and mechanical systems on the owner's  
3 principal residence, under specified circumstances. In either  
4 case, a residence must qualify for the homestead tax exemption  
5 pursuant to Code chapter 425 for a property owner to undertake  
6 such work without having to obtain licensure.

7     The bill replaces "principal residence" with "real property"  
8 for both exemptions, allowing a real property owner to perform  
9 such work on the owner's real property, if the property meets  
10 specified circumstances, without having to obtain licensure  
11 under Code chapter 103 or 105. The bill also removes the  
12 requirement for a residence to qualify for the homestead tax  
13 exemption to have either exemption be applicable to a real  
14 property owner.